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Furthermore, the Examiner required election of a single species within group III. Again, the applicant disagrees, but elects "amines" as a single species to advance prosecution of the present application. Claims 21 to 26 read on elected species within group III.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 21-26 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Claims 1-20 were cancelled.

CLEAN VERSION OF PENDING CLAIMS

- 21. A method of generating a nucleoside library, comprising: providing a first nucleoside and a second nucleoside, each having a reactive group and each being coupled to a solid support; and reacting the reactive group of the first and second nucleoside with a first reagent and second reagent, respectively, thereby forming a first modified nucleoside and a second modified nucleoside, wherein the second modified nucleoside is
- 22. The method of claim 21 wherein at least one of the first and second nucleosides comprises a purine heterocyclic base.

chemically distinct from the first modified nucleoside.

- 23. The method of claim 21 wherein each of the first and second nucleosides comprises a sugar moiety and a heterocyclic base, and wherein the reactive group is disposed on the heterocyclic base of the first and second nucleosides.
- 24. The method of claim 21 wherein each of the first and second nucleosides further comprises a second reactive group.
- 25. The method of claim 24 further comprising a step of reacting the second reactive group of the first and second nucleoside with a third reagent and a fourth reagent, respectively.
- 26. The method of claim 21 wherein the first and the second reagents are selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, an aryl, an alkynyl, an alcohol, and an amine.